

### **REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 22, 2006. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 12, 13, 15, 19, 21 – 25 and 27 - 31 remain pending. In particular, Applicant has amended claim 13, and has canceled claims 17 and 18 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant has canceled claims 17 and 18 merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

### **Indication of Allowable Subject Matter**

The Office Action indicates that claim 18 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. As set forth above, Applicant has amended claim 13 to include the limitations previously recited in claim 18. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 13 is in condition for allowance.

### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103**

The Office Action indicates that claims 13 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Davey* in view of *Ahn*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. In this regard, Applicant has canceled claim 17 and respectfully asserts that the rejection as to this claim has been rendered moot. With respect to claim 13, Applicant has amended this claim and respectfully asserts that the rejection has been accommodated.


**Cited Art Made of Record**

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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